- (4) Demonstrates an understanding of the operation of the Vocational Education Curriculum Materials and ADVOCNET Systems and the need for establishing a Tech-Prep education clearinghouse; and
- (5) Demonstrates the capacity to undertake the responsibilities associated with participation as a member of the Network Directors Council described in §412.4.
- (b) *Plan of operation*. (25 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the plan of operation for the project, including—
- (1) The quality of the design of the project;
- (2) The extent to which the management plan ensures proper and efficient administration of the project;
- (3) How well the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the program;
- (4) The quality of the applicant's plan to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective; and
- (5) How the applicant will ensure that project participants who are otherwise eligible to participate are selected without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.
- (c) Key personnel. (10 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of key personnel the applicant plans to use on the proposed project, including—
- (i) The qualifications of the project director;
- (ii) The qualifications of each of the other key personnel to be used in the project;
- (iii) The appropriateness of the time that each person referred to in paragraphs (c)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section will commit to the project; and
- (iv) How the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, will ensure that its personnel are selected for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.
- (2) To determine the personnel qualifications under paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section, the Secretary considers—
- (i) The experience and training of key personnel in project management

- and in the fields related to the objectives of the project; and
- (ii) Any other qualifications of key personnel that pertain to the quality of the project.
- (d) Institutional commitment. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant—
- (1) Has experience with vocational education curriculum and dissemination:
- (2) Will initiate and maintain liaison functions with regional States; and
- (3) Will provide adequate facilities, equipment, and supplies.
- (e) Budget and cost effectiveness. (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which—
- (1) The budget is cost effective and adequate to support the project activities; and
- (2) The budget contains costs that are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project.
- (f) Evaluation plan. (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the project's evaluation plan, including the extent to which the plan—
- (1) Is clearly explained and is appropriate to the project; and
- (2) Identifies expected outcomes of the services provided and how those services will be measured.

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Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met After An Award?

§ 412.30 What additional activities must be carried out by Curriculum Coordination Centers?

In carrying out the activities described in §412.3, each CCC must perform the following activities:

(a) Assist States in the development, adaptation, adoption, dissemination, and use of curriculum materials and services and other information resulting from research and development activities carried out under the Act, including performing these activities during at least two regional meetings involving States served by the CCC.

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One of these regional meetings must be conducted jointly with the other five CCCs and their regional States at the meeting described in §412.4(a)(6).

- (b) Coordinate with other curriculum coordination centers funded under this part.
- (c) Coordinate with the State salaried State liaison representative (SLR), who is appointed by the State director of vocational education. The SLR has primary responsibilities for liaison activities within the States, including—
- (1) Obtaining new curriculum and research and development materials for Network sharing;
- (2) Informing localities and State agencies of Network services;
- (3) Disseminating CCC related materials:
- (4) Arranging for intrastate and interstate development and dissemination activities;
- (5) Arranging for technical assistance and inservice training workshops;
- (6) Participating in regional CCC meetings; and
- (7) Fostering adoption and adaptations of materials available through the CCC.
- (d) Maintain a lending library with a collection of vocational education curriculum, research, and development materials for use by the States served by the CCC.
- (e) Each CCC must participate in the Council activities described in §412.4.

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\$412.31 What existing dissemination systems must be used?

In carrying out its activities, each CCC must use existing dissemination systems, including the National Diffusion Network and the National Center or Centers for Research in Vocational Education, in order to ensure broad access at the State and local levels to the information being disseminated.

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PART 413—NATIONAL CENTER OR CENTERS FOR RESEARCH IN VO-CATIONAL EDUCATION

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